

## MINUTES

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLEAN AIR AGENCIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS' MEETING

Sunday, October 15, 2018

Ambassador Ballroom  
Renaissance Cleveland Hotel  
24 Public Square  
Cleveland, OH 44113

NACAA Co-Presidents Bart Sponseller (WI) and Sam Rubens (Akron, OH) called to order the NACAA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs' Fall Meeting at 8:30 a.m. In addition to Bart and Sam, NACAA Board members present included Charlene Albee (Reno, NV), Mike Dowd (VA), Steve Flint (NY), Jayme Graham (Pittsburgh, PA), Craig Kenworthy (Seattle, WA), Ali Mirzakhali (OR), Michelle Walker Owenby (TN), Eddie Terrill (OK) and Erik White (Auburn, CA). Committee Co-Chairs in attendance, who are not also Board members, included Tad Aburn (MD), Cecily Beall (DC), Mark Buford (Mount Vernon, WA), Stu Clark (WA), Gail Good (WI), Merlyn Hough (Springfield, OR), Michelle King (Louisville, KY), Christine Kirby (MA), Ursula Nelson (Tucson, AZ) and Jaclyn Palermo (OR). Other NACAA members present included David Hearne (Cleveland, OH), Corey Masuca (Birmingham, AL) and Frank Steitz (NJ). NACAA staff present included Phil Assmus, Mary Sullivan Douglas, Monique Faye, Miles Keogh, Nancy Kruger, Karen Mongoven and Stephanie Steigman. The meeting agenda is attached.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

NACAA Executive Director Miles Keogh provided a report in which he summarized the association's operations, recent activities and anticipated future activities. He presented updates on NACAA committees, member relations and funding issues. He also discussed the association's recent policy work and outreach on Capitol Hill, as well as relations with other organizations and the media.

#### **Strategic Planning**

The Board of Directors and Committee Chairs reviewed and discussed a working document setting forth a draft list of organizational values, mission and strategic goals for NACAA. The document was developed based on the strategic planning session held at the Summer 2018 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs' meeting.

After agreeing to several changes, the Local Agency Members and the State Agency Members of the NACAA Board, in separate votes, agreed unanimously to approve the organizational values, mission and strategic goals (see attached)

## **Resilience and Sustainability**

Jaclyn Palermo (OR), State Co-Chair of NACAA's Resilience and Sustainability *ad hoc* Committee, updated the Board and Committee Chairs on the Committee's start-up activities. The Committee currently has 25 members, mostly representing local agencies. The Committee plans to hold monthly calls to discuss issues such as developing a clearinghouse of resilience plans and expertise; examining environmental justice planning issues from a perspective of equity; and adapting to changing environmental priorities and the long-term air quality impacts of those changes. Jaclyn also noted that there would be a resilience and sustainability panel discussion during the Membership Meeting.

## **Discussion of the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Rule**

Stu Clark (WA), State Co-Chair of NACAA's Global Warming Committee, led a discussion about potential NACAA comments on EPA's proposed Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Rule. Stu presented an overview of the proposal and shared some of the issues and potential comments that had been identified by NACAA members. The Board and Committee Chairs expressed support for pursuing a process to develop comments on the proposed rule and suggested additional areas for potential comments.

## **Communications Priorities**

Christine Kirby (MA), State Co-Chair of NACAA's Public Outreach Committee, explained to the Board and Committee Chairs that the Committee would be working to elevate the air quality story with the general public and other interested parties. To that end, upcoming initiatives include developing *ad hoc* materials on key air quality issues and leveraging social media and other electronic tools to put out consistent messaging when appropriate. Christine noted that the Committee will likely hold its next conference call prior to the end of the year.

## **Preparation for Conversation with EPA's Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation**

The Board and Committee Co-Chairs discussed possible topics to discuss with EPA Assistant Administrator Bill Wehrum during the full membership meeting session, entitled "A Conversation with EPA's Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation." The group discussed how best to structure the session and identified a list of priority issues to raise. The issues included, among others, the reorganization of regional offices; the proposed Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Rule; the proposed Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule; wildfires and international transport; the need for tighter federal standards for onroad heavy-duty NO<sub>x</sub>; gliders; elimination by EPA of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee's particulate matter advisory panel; training needs; the regulation of residential wood heating devices; the pace of EPA rulemakings; adequate funding for state and local air quality programs; and increasing collaboration and partnership between EPA and NACAA.

## **NACAA Finances and Other Business**

### ***Financial Reports***

Miles Keogh explained NACAA's financial reports and provided details about the association's current finances. The reports included information about the NACAA treasury account (i.e., non-grant funds) as well as NACAA's grant from EPA.

### ***Update on NACAA Investments***

Miles Keogh provided information about the NACAA treasury funds that were invested several years ago.

### ***Approval of Board-Committee Chairs' 2018 Summer Meeting Minutes***

The State Agency Members and the Local Agency Members of the NACAA Board, in separate votes, unanimously approved the minutes of the 2018 Summer Board of Directors and Committee Chairs' Meeting with abstentions by one State Agency Member Board and two Local Agency Members (who did not attend the Summer Board-Chairs' Meeting).

### ***Future Meeting Dates and Locations***

Miles Keogh reviewed the schedule for upcoming NACAA meetings:

- NACAA 2019 Winter Board of Directors and Committee Chairs' Meeting: January 29-30, 2019, in Washington, DC.
- NACAA 2019 Spring Membership Meeting: likely in Kansas City, MO.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Adjourn**

The NACAA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs' Meeting was adjourned.

**FINAL AGENDA**

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| 1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | <b>Executive Director' Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member Relations</li><li>• Funding</li><li>• Operations</li><li>• Federal and Other Activities</li></ul>                                                                                        |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | <b>Strategic Planning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | <b>Discussion of the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Rule</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | <b>Communications Priorities</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | <b>Preparation for A Conversation with EPA's Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | <b>NACAA Finances and Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial Reports</li><li>• Update on NACAA Investments</li><li>• Approval of Board-Committee Chairs' 2018 Summer Meeting Minutes</li><li>• Future Meeting Dates and Locations</li></ul> |
| 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | <b>New Business</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 5:00 p.m.             | Board of Directors and Committee Chairs' Meeting Adjourns                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## Our Mission & Values

At the Board of Directors meeting in Cleveland, Ohio on October 14, 2018, the NACAA Board of Directors adopted the following statement articulating the values, mission, and strategy priorities for the association.

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### *Our values*

NACAA is:

- An advocate for the protection of clean air and public health;
  - A provider of valued services and resources to the members;
  - A source of credible expertise to decision-makers;
  - A forum for learning with, and from, each other;
  - A point of focus for effective state and local agency interaction with the federal government; and
  - A national association that thrives because its members have common interests, while respecting one another's differences.
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### *Our mission:*

NACAA exists to advance the protection of clean air and public health, and to improve the capability and effectiveness of state and local air agencies.

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### *Our long-term strategic priorities:*

1 – Strengthen our core

2 – Expand our base

3 – Advocate for intelligent advances in policy

4 – Facilitate cross-programmatic efforts

5 – Be the pre-eminent authority on clean air policy matters